



LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Lake Quality Commission was held on January 21, 2015, at the Maple Grove Government Center, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, Minnesota. Chairperson Lane called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mike Newman, Roger Granberg, Joe Randall, Steve Lane, George Schneider, Kurt Paulsen, Sharon Martin-Kotula, Becky Fahrenbruch and Nancy Bergstrand.

Commissioners Absent: Catherine Thompson.

Other's present included: Rick Lestina, Mark Lahtinen, Sue Rice, Councilmember Karen Jaeger and Commissioner Candidates Zachary Saulter and Dan Vogtman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting of the Lake Quality Commission were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY BECKY FAHRENBRUCH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AREA REPORTS

George Schneider stated that the drawdown is going well, the water is down a little over 5' which is as good as they can expect. Several projects they are working on is a separation of fish between Rice Lake and Fish Lake. Working with James Johnson on this and should be done in the spring along with a fish restocking plan. They will also be doing a shoreline erosion assessment with James Johnson in the spring.

Joe Randall stated that a Carp fence has been a hot topic. There has not been a lot of activity on Fish Lake nor have they caught many fish. The ice is approximately 8" – 10". He is also working with FLARA to plan the 2015 projects.

Roger Granberg had nothing to report this month.

Kurt Paulsen stated that Pike Lake has been quiet as well although they have seen a coyote. He also mentioned the Governor's proposal on buffer strips which they are excited about.

Sharon Martin-Kotula stated that the aeration system is up and running but she wasn't sure on the size of the opening but that they have had to move the signs for safety reasons a few times. The lake association has also conducted educational seminars for kids on hypothermia. The fish seem to be doing great and they also have 5 skating rinks on the lake. Steve McComas suggested doing sampling occasionally.



Becky Fahrenbruch commented that their lake has been active but not as active as it has been in the past. She has seen some trucks on the lake and has also noticed a lot of Owls around as well. Their association is currently busy planning their winter festival. They will be working with their association on planning a 5 to 10 year plan for meeting their goals that they will be taking to the Eagle Lake residents for their input.

Mike Newman had nothing to report at this time.

Nancy Bergstrand – Weaver Lake stocked 200 Tiger Musky of which several Eagles around the lake took a lot of. The DNR recommended doing this every other year. They have noticed a lot of activity around the lake and the fishing improved right after the cold snap. Their festival will be held March 7th for anyone that is interested.

Steve Lane stated that they are days away from getting the aerator put in because there were a few changes that needed to be made and then get their rope line in. They will need to auger a 2' square hole, enough to get the aerator in. They also have several skating ponds on the lake this year.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

Kurt Paulson - Commissioner representing Pike Lake, George Schneider – Commissioner representing Rice Lake and Roger Granberg – Commissioner at Large were sworn in by Councilmember Jaeger for additional three year terms to expire December 31, 2017.

Congratulations were extended to each from the Commission.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015

Nominations for Chair

Nominations were taken for Becky Fahrenbruch as Chair of the Lake Quality Commission for 2015. Becky accepted the nomination.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KURT PAULSEN, SECONDED BY JOE RANDALL TO ELECT BECKY FAHRENBRUCH AS CHAIR OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nominations were taken for Joe Randall for Vice-Chair of the Lake Quality Commission for 2015. Joe accepted the nomination.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY FAHRENBRUCH, SECONDED BY ROGER GRANBERG TO ELECT JOE RANDALL AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION FOR 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

Rick Lestina asked for volunteers to be on the Environmental Review Sub-Committee. Roger Granberg, Nancy Bergstrand, Mike Newman, Kurt Paulsen and George Schneider all volunteered to be on the Committee.



A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LANE, SECONDED BY BECKY FAHRENBRUCH TO APPOINT ROGER GRANBERG, NANCY BERGSTRAND, MIKE NEWMAN, KURT PAULSEN, AND GEORGE SCHNEIDER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2015. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADDED ITEM:
ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIGNATIONS**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER GRANBERG, SECONDED BY MIKE NEWMAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF LIZ STOUT AND JERRY SCHMITZ, COMMISSIONERS AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NEW
COMMISSIONER
APPOINTMENTS**

Dan Vogtman and Zachary Sautler stepped out of the room for the discussion.

Rick Lestina stated that a committee of Joe Randall, Roger Granberg and himself interviewed both candidates before this evening's meeting. Discussion followed on each of their qualifications.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE SCHNEIDER, SECONDED BY ROGER GRANBERG TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL THE APPOINTMENT OF DAN VOGTMAN AND ZACHARY SAULER AS COMMISSIONERS AT-LARGE TO THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dan and Zachary rejoined the meeting and they were welcomed to the Commission.

**2015 WORK
PROGRAM**

The Commission discussed the goals and priorities to be set for 2015. After reviewing the various suggestions and the 2014 Work Program, the following work program was developed for 2015.

- **February** - Review of water quality data and discussion of Lake Improvement Program. Steve McComas to give "State of the Lakes Report".
- **March** - LIP application, review & approvals
- **April** - NPDES/TMDL Annual Meeting.
- **May** – Tour of Lake Edward.
- **June** – Tour of Rice Lake.
- **July** – Walking tour of Arbor Lakes area.
- **August** - Tour of Weaver Lake.
- **September** - Left open as possible replacement for any cancelled tour
- **October** - Lake and/or water quality expert will be invited to speak to LQC.
- **November** - Intentionally left open to complete any unfinished business
- **December** - Holiday gathering – no formal meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KURT PAULSEN, SECONDED BY SHARON MARTIN KOTULA, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL THE



APPROVAL OF THE 2015 LAKE QUALITY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LAKE
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
PROCESS**

Rick began the discussion with the process and timeline with deadlines for the applications. Each application will be discussed and approved by the Commission before reimbursement. This can be done by email as well. Rick emphasized to make clear what each are asking for in their applications as well as the actual amounts.

George Schneider inquired about the city wide LIP projects for driveways, rain barrels, etc. Rick would like to discuss this further with the Commission as the current guidelines are too obscure and could be misinterpreted.

Kurt Paulsen discussed the Governor's 50' buffer area requirement proposal with the Commission to protect our waters. Roger brought up the matter from a farmer's point of view and any issues that it may cause them.

Joe Randall stated his interest in hiring an intern to help with lake issues as had been done several years ago. The Commission agreed that they would like another intern for lake reports, etc. Rick will bring the request to Ken Ashfeld for further review and approval.

The Commission then discussed the area of educational projects for residents and Becky suggested the Commission submit a report to "Focus" publication as an educational instrument.

Kurt Paulsen also requested input for Pike Lake area as to roadways being private or public and asked if there was any money to get streets swept more often. Kurt would like reimbursement to their lake association for doing a more aggressive street sweeping program. He also stated that their Board wants to do more native plantings as all water in Maple Grove eventually makes its way into Eagle Lake and would like help from the City to stop the runoff into the Lake.

Another project that Kurt would like to revisit is the stream restoration. The Maple Grove side has been restored and still looks good but the Plymouth side has gone back to as bad as or worse than before the initial project. Rick stated his concerns as well from a proposed Plymouth project and some of the problems caused by the original engineering.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER GRANBERG, SECONDED BY NANCY BERGSTRAND TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 21, 2015 MEETING OF THE LAKE QUALITY COMMISSISON. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.